



Josephine County Board of Commissioners

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The Josephine County Board of Commissioners has a long history of support for the key elements embodied in the Oregon and California Revested Lands Sustained Yield Management Act of 1937. These lands were set aside specifically to benefit the communities in the 18 counties containing O&C timber lands.

Unnecessary impediments to achieving the goals of the 1937 O&C Act have led to an over stocked unhealthy forest, loss of valuable timber jobs and degradation of many rural Oregon communities and economy. Through shared receipts from timber harvests and meeting the minimum harvest level provided for in the ACT, these communities can move toward self-sustainability and off the unreliable Federal dole while also providing more resilient and sustainable forests.

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of both Oregon's State legislators and Governor to find a mutually beneficial solution to the bottleneck that has plagued the O&C counties for decades. We support Senate Joint Memorial 10 and encourage all members to lean into this issue to move Oregon toward a strong and prosperous future.

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